

QUILTING MATTERS

NOVEMBER 2023

Newsletter



Meeting  
Reminder!

**MEETING:** Sat 18 November The doors will open at 9.30am; the meeting begins at 10am.

**Venue:** Woodstock Centre, Stoke School Hall, Main Road, Stoke.

**Speaker:** End of Year Function. Several games including Hole in the Wood, The Christmas Tree Poke and Fat Quarter Toss (by demand). A light lunch will be provided.

We are asking you to bring:

- A non perishable Christmas food item for a local foodbank.
- Your oldest/earliest made quilted item for Show and Tell
- Your completed or nearly completed **projects** and any community quilts.
- **Raffle** - no cost. 3 prizes. Your number on the attendance sheet will be your entry.
- Any **library books** please. Any library books you borrow will not have to be returned until February.

**NOVEMBER HOSTS:** Joan Inwood, Rosanne Fisher, Shirley Early, Gillian Dickson, Lyn Cotton and Anne Churcher

Please be there by 9.30am and put out the chairs and tables, help set up the library and kitchen, and welcome members and visitors. Put out tea, coffee, milk, and biscuits. Use the new visitors badges, direct any new members to **Eileen Gordon** who will take care of them, help with clean up at the end. Consult the members' list if you need to find your swap/replacement, or send me an email.

NB. People often contact me to say they are not able to help with the hosting at a meeting so we are usually at least two people short. If you arrive early and feel you could help us out in some way please approach one of the committee members.



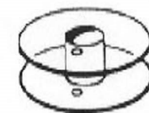
## Calendar 2023 - 2024



Sat 18 November	<b>Monthly meeting and end of year event.</b> Once again a light lunch will be provided with some fun activities.
Thurs 18 - Sat 20 Jan	<b>Mid-Summer Quilts exhibition</b> 10am - 4pm each day Tasman Church, Cnr Williams & Aporo Rds, Coastal Hwy, Tasman featuring Wine Country Quilts, Kapiti Coast Quilters and 'Red' Challenge pieces from Aotearoa Quilters.
Weds 21 Feb 2024	<b>Monthly meeting at 7pm.</b> Speaker: Sandie Sixtus about her trip to the Houston Quilt Show.
Fri 8 - 10 March	<b>Marahau Retreat</b>
Weds 20 March	<b>AGM</b> beginning at 7pm
Weds 17 April	Monthly meeting 7pm
Sat 18 May	Monthly meeting 10am
Fri 7 - Sun 9 June	<b>Teapot Valley Retreat</b>
Sat 15 June	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 20 July	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 17 August	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 21 Sept	Monthly meeting 10am
Weds 16 Oct	Monthly meeting 7pm
Fri 1 - Sun 3 Nov	<b>Marahau Retreat</b>
Weds 20 Nov	End of year meeting 7pm

**NB. Speakers and workshops are yet to be finalised.**

*It's all fun and games until you realise you have been quilting with an empty bobbin.*



### Meeting days survey results

Thank you very much to all those who answered the survey about preferred meeting days. 40 people replied and the results were:

Saturdays only	8	Mixture of evenings and Saturdays	21
No preference	8	Evenings	3

As a result it was moved the next year's meetings be a mixture of day and night times as listed above. These dates have been sent to the Stoke School but have not been confirmed yet. Hopefully we have got in early enough.

## A Little Note From Me

Everyone is wondering where this year has gone. I remember when, once school finished it took forever for Christmas to come. Now we worry about having enough time to finish everything. Our generous group has finished a lot of wonderful quilts, bags, cushions and pillows for donating throughout the year and I thank all of you. We still get requests so never fear, we'll never have to stop diving into those stashes.

I hope you are all looking forward to this coming break and that you can spend time with family. I just hope I can cope with all the food involved in a wedding and an 80th birthday to go to as well!

Christmas Blessings to you all

Lorraine

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'Twas the night before Christmas as I sat by the tree,  
wondering what Santa would bring just for me.  
Paintbrushes, Mod Podge, cardstock and lace  
"Or a new sewing machine," I thought with a grin on my face.  
Suddenly I saw him, "Hi, Santa." I said.  
He snickered, "Good little girls should be in their bed."  
"Oh, Santa forgive me, I know I've been caught,  
but I was just so excited to see what you've brought."  
"Well, let's take a look around this room where you work."  
He shook his head quickly, then turned with a jerk.  
I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear.  
"You've got enough crap, I'll see you next year!"

